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Applicant(s):

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ZOOM LENS CONTROL APPARATUS, ZOOM LENS SYSTEM AND IMAGE-

TAKING SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter this Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed on June 6, 2005. An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently herewith

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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